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## LONG TO ENTER SENATE RACE WITHIN TEN DAYS, IS REPORT

James A. Reed Also is Expected to  
Seek Renomination.

Jefferson City, Dec. 31.—Breckinridge Long of St. Louis, former assistant secretary of state in the administration of President Wilson, will announce his candidacy for the Democratic nomination for United States senator within ten days, it was learned here Saturday from a reliable source.

Long was the Democratic nominee for senator in 1920 but was defeated by Senator Spencer. Sen. James A. Reed also is expected to be a candidate to succeed himself.

The former assistant secretary of state will announce his candidacy after a committee of St. Louis business men have informed him that hundreds of letters have been received endorsing his proposed candidacy. The committee, which is headed by Charles P. Senter, president of the Senter Commission company, sent letters to all sections of the state in an effort to feel out the sentiment on the senatorial situation.

The tone of the letters, with few exceptions, was very favorable to the candidacy of Long. Many of the writers had come in contact with Long during the 1920 campaign and pledged their undivided support to him.

The committee believes that it has received a general expression from the people because the letters were addressed to business men and was not confined to the so-called "court-house politicians."

Letters also were sent by the committee to Democratic women throughout the state and the committee is very much pleased with the replies. Some of the leading Democratic women of the state supported the St. Louisian in the 1920 race.

Senator Reed's friends are getting active in some sections of the state. The majority of the strong followers of Senator Reed were members of Judge Henry S. Priest, of St. Louis, who was third in the race for the Democratic nomination for United States senator in 1920. Judge Priest and Samuel Lazarus are expected to lead the Reed forces in St. Louis during the approaching campaign.

### Preston Case Was Affirmed.

W. D. Summers, a well-known Harrisonville lawyer, has received a telegram, to the effect that the Supreme Court of Missouri has affirmed the case of Mrs. Flora A. Preston against The Grand River Drainage District of Cass and Bates Counties, Missouri, thus sustaining Charles A. Calver's decision, rendered in the Circuit Court of Bates County at Butler, where the case was tried.

Mrs. Preston, the plaintiff, had bought from J. S. Gloyd, a large farm in Bates county, and within the boundaries of the Grand River Drainage District. When she went to pay her taxes, she found that the district had assessed her property \$1,700.00, in excess of what the former owner claimed was legally assessed against the premises.

She filed suit in the Circuit Court of Bates County, Missouri, at Butler, alleging that the assessment was erroneous; that the survey and finding of the commissioners was \$1,700.00 less than the judgment showed, caused by some mistake, or other reason; that the Cass County Circuit Court was induced to make the erroneous assessment and rendering judgment for excess, and she, therefore, asked that the same be stricken off.

The affirmation of the judgment on appeal sustains the contention of W. D. Summers & Son, in favor of Mrs. Preston, and thereby reduces the assessment \$1,700.00, as well as obtaining judgment recovering from the Drainage District the excess taxes already paid.—Cass County Democrat.

### Badly Wounded by Accidental Discharge of Shotgun.

Tuesday afternoon Chas. Viskers, who lives on the McFarland farm, northeast of town, was badly injured when a shotgun that he was taking from a wagon was accidentally discharged, the load going through his left hand.

Mr. Viskers was given immediate surgical attention and some hope is entertained that he may save the hand.

### W. B. Dawson Dead.

W. B. Dawson, one of the leading members of the Bates county bar, died at his home in this city Monday morning, January 2, 1922, after an extended illness during which the resources of medicine and surgery had been exhausted for his relief.

Watt Burrell Dawson was born March 18th, 1874, in Wayne county, Ohio, where he lived until 1879, when he moved with the family to Trego county, Kansas, where they resided until the fall of 1880, when they moved to Rich Hill, Mo. He then spent some years in Eastern Kansas but later settled with his parents near Hume, Bates county, Mo. Here he completed his common school education and graduated from the Hume high school and after teaching several years entered the law department of Missouri State University, where he graduated in 1901. He began the practice of his profession at Rich Hill, Mo., where he lived until he moved to Butler in January, 1906, to take up his duties as prosecuting attorney of Bates county, to which office he had been elected at the previous fall election. So well did he fulfill the duties of his office that when his term expired he was re-elected and in all served five terms in this important office. On his retirement from office he formed a law partnership with Judge J. A. Silvers and in a short time this firm became known as one of the strongest in this section.

W. O. Atkeson's History of Bates county says of him: "A legal practitioner of excellent judgment, scholarly attainments, and profound knowledge of the law, and an official of known integrity, Mr. Dawson has achieved a place for himself as one of the most successful practicing attorneys in the county. He has always been a strong advocate of temperance and has always stood for strict law enforcement, having at

various times used the powers of his office to compel the enforcement of the temperance and prohibition laws which govern the community. He is a member of the Modern Woodmen of America, the Woodmen of the World and the Knights of Pythias. He has served as a member of the board of trustees of the Baptist church for some time both he and Mrs. Dawson take an active interest in church work."

Mr. Dawson continued his active work in the church until failing health forced him to retire. Not only will he be greatly missed in the home and the church but the community at large will regret the passing of a strong man and a good neighbor.

Funeral services conducted by Rev. P. C. Brammer were conducted from the First Baptist church Wednesday afternoon and interment made in Oak Hill cemetery.

### Fire Department Has a Motor Truck

Joe and Dan, the faithful team of horses that have pulled the fire department apparatus for the past several years have been retired and a motor truck substituted. Last week one of the horses developed an ailment that did not yield readily to the usual remedies and a motor truck was furnished by W. H. Smith, to be used until the new International fire truck recently purchased could be delivered.

Joe and Dan make perhaps the finest looking team of horses that have been in this city for years. Coal black, full of life and spirit they presented a fine appearance when hitched to the fire truck. They had been trained by Chief Kersey until, when the alarm sounded they were under their collars and ready to go before the men could take their places on the truck.

When the new truck arrives Butler will have one of the best equipped fire departments in this section.

### Bates County Duroc Jersey Meeting.

Regardless of the bad weather conditions last Saturday, a few of the members of the Duroc Jersey Association attended the meeting.

The report of the sale committee showed that plans for the sale were progressing nicely and entries for the sale were almost filled. There is still room for a few more good bred sows in this sale, and any one who cares to enter some sows good enough to pass the inspection committee, should notify Jas. T. Park, Butler, Chairman of the Sales Committee, or the County Agent.

The Association also endorsed and approved the County Agent's plans for a Boy's and Girl's Pig Club. A club has not been started yet, but the probabilities of one look good.

There will probably be another meeting of the Association some time previous to the sale, Feb. 4th, at which time we hope all interested breeders of Duroc Jersey Hogs will be present.

### Two Automobile Accidents.

Miss Clara Grimsley's arm was thrown out of place and the ligaments torn loose when her buggy was hit by Dr. Smith's car last Friday when the roads were icy. The doctor was driving in a rut and the wheel, hit a bump causing the car to jump out of the rut and skid into the buggy, tearing off a front wheel and throwing Miss Grimsley out.

Wednesday, while going to a sale Fred Shaw ran into Dr. Lusk's car at the cross roads north of Thad Harpers. One wheel was broken off of the doctor's car and Fred Shaw's car was broken in several places. Sam Grimsley and Charles Shaw were with Fred but fortunately escaped any injury.—Amoret Leader.

Miss Fern Cameron, of Merwin, Mo., visited relatives in this city last of the week.

### A Near Jail Break.

Sunday evening as Miss Pearl Sherwood, one of the Butler telephone exchange operators, was walking down East Dakota street on her way home, she noticed a fire at the jail and thinking the building on fire went to a telephone and called Deputy Sheriff Bert Bradley, who on investigation found that five Federal prisoners confined on the second floor, tiring of the close confinement had concluded to take French leave. They had heated a poker in the heating stove and with it were burning the casing of the window so that they could take out the heavy iron screen on the outside of the window. When discovered, they had made considerable headway and in a short time might have made their escape. They were placed in cells, where Sheriff Petty and Deputy Bradley say that they will remain until their sentence expires.

Monday morning Sheriff Petty treated the central girls to two large boxes of fine candy.

### Joshua B. Newberry Dead.

Joshua B. Newberry, one of the best known citizens of the east part of the county, died at his home in Deepwater township Friday, December 30, 1921.

Mr. Newberry was born in the state of New York August 5, 1857, and came to this county about 30 years ago and made his home with his uncle, the late J. B. Newberry. Since the latter's death he has helped Mrs. Newberry conduct the fine Newberry farm. "Jot" Newberry was a quiet, inoffensive gentleman, and news of his death was received with genuine regret by the many friends in different parts of the county.

Funeral services were conducted at the Newberry home Saturday afternoon at 2:00 o'clock and interment made in the Union cemetery.

## KANSAS WHEAT VALUED AT JUST ENOUGH TO PAY TAXES OF STATE

Crop Will Barely Care for Amount  
of Levies.

Topeka, Kan., Jan. 2.—The total value of the 1921 Kansas oats crop was \$19,547,468, figures given out Monday by the state board of agriculture show. And the total amount of taxes required to run the state government with its industrial court and numerous other political appendages reached in 1921 the unprecedented sum of \$8,504,359.09, the figures of the state tax commission show.

The total value of the 128,220,148 bushels of wheat raised in Kansas in 1921 was \$123,876,119; and the total amount of direct taxes raised in 1921 is \$75,000,537.04. In addition to these direct taxes, millions of dollars are raised in indirect taxes—all of which the people pay—and it is estimated that Kansas annually pays approximately \$20,000,000 in federal taxes. So, it is seen that Kansas, the greatest wheat producing state in the world, did not raise any more than enough wheat in 1921 to pay all the taxes on the state.

Eleven important agricultural crops that the farmers of Kansas raise did not bring enough at prevailing prices to meet the increase in state taxes that has been brought about by the Allen administration. This increase was \$3,064,020.25.

According to the figures given out by J. C. Mohler, secretary of the state board of agriculture, Monday the total value of all farm products in Kansas in 1921 was \$351,121,242. Wheat, of course, led with a value of \$123,876,119 and corn was second with a value of \$27,700,925. However, next to wheat, the biggest revenue came to the farmer from livestock, the value of slaughtered animals having been \$9,000,734.

### Former Butler Girl Killed When She Jumps From Speeding Auto.

Butler relative's last week received notice of the death of Miss Thelma Long, a former resident of this city, which occurred Wednesday night in a St. Louis Hospital.

According to the St. Louis papers Miss Long, who was 19 years old, and a friend, Miss Catherine Aldridge, were accosted by two young men, Fred Meier and Walter Bybee, as they were leaving a picture show and asked to take an automobile ride. The four young people drove out into St. Louis county and parked at refreshments at a road house. They then drove back to St. Louis and to the home of Miss Aldridge, who got out of the car. Miss Long asked to be let out at the same place but the men prevailed on her to stay in the car and said they would take her to her home. Instead of doing this they again drove the car out to St. Louis county and as they were passing through Wellston Miss Long opened the door of the car and jumped out, sustaining injuries that caused her death in a short time after she was taken to the hospital. The two men, Meier and Bybee, were ordered held for the grand jury by the coroner's jury.

### Judge W. W. Denny Dies at Thayer, Missouri.

Tuesday C. W. Anderson received a telegram from Thayer, Missouri, announcing the death that morning at 9:30 of his uncle, Judge William W. Denny. The cause of death was not given, but it was supposed to have been infirmities due to old age, as the Judge was very old and had been in bad health for a long time.

Judge Denny was formerly a well known citizen of this county, living for many years on what is now known as the Boulware farm south of town. He is survived by two grown sons and daughters, his wife having died many years ago.

### Executive Board Meeting.

The Bates County Farm Bureau Executive Board will hold its regular meeting Saturday, Jan. 7, 1922, at 1:30 p. m. in the Farm Bureau office. This is the first meeting of the year and the last meeting before the Missouri Farm Bureau Federation Convention, and Farmer's Week in Columbia. All are requested to be present.

J. E. Thompson, President.  
Ira Drymon, Secretary.

The Times' phone number is 37.

## SAM'L LEVY MERCANTILE COMPANY MID-WINTER CLEARING SALE

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Thousands of Dollars Worth of merchandise, positively sacrificed. First, because of the immense assortments. Second, because the reductions are the most drastic we have ever made, due to our heavily overstocked condition and the fact that we never carry merchandise to the next season. Costs, profits, losses all have been forgotten in order to effect an immediate disposal.

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\$50.00 Coats, Suits and Dresses at.....	\$25.00
\$40.00 Coats, Suits and Dresses at.....	\$20.00
\$35.00 Coats, Suits and Dresses at.....	\$17.50
\$25.00 Coats, Suits and Dresses at.....	\$12.50
\$20.00 Coats, Suits and Dresses at.....	\$10.00

\$15.00 Blouses at.....	\$7.50
\$ 8.50 Blouses at.....	\$4.25

\$10.00 Blouses at.....	\$5.00
\$ 6.50 Blouses at.....	\$3.25

25 per cent discount on Fur Scarfs  
20 per cent discount on Curtain Materials  
9x12 Axminster Rugs at .....\$23.50  
Cotton and Wool Nap Blankets Reduced  
Priced from \$1.75 to \$3.25

33 1-3 per cent discount on Ladies and Misses Sweaters  
9x12 seamless Brussels Rugs at .....\$14.50  
33 1-3 per cent discount on Childrens Gingham Dresses  
Ladies and Misses Shoes at Reduced Prices

## MEN'S AND BOYS' SUITS AND OVERCOATS

At the Following Clearing Sale Prices

\$50.00 Mens Suits and Overcoats at.....	\$35.00
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\$25.00 Mens Suits and Overcoats at.....	\$16.50
\$15.00 Boys Suits and Overcoats at.....	\$11.00
\$10.00 Boys Suits and Overcoats at.....	\$ 7.50

\$5.00 Mens Corduroy Pants at.....	\$3.50
\$4.00 Mens Corduroy Pants at.....	\$3.00
\$3.00 Mens Corduroy Pants at.....	\$2.25
20 per cent discount on Trunks and Traveling Bags	
Boys Heavy Fleece Union Suits at.....	80c
\$1.50 Mens Ribbed White Union Suits.....	\$1.15
\$1.25 Mens Fleece Unionsuits at.....	95c

\$8.00 Mens Fine Dress Trousers at.....	\$5.00
\$1.50 Mens Sweaters at.....	\$1.00
Assortment Mens Caps—Half Price	
\$4.00 Mens "Manhattan" Shirts at.....	\$2.75
\$3.00 Mens "Manhattan" Shirts at.....	\$2.25
\$5.00 Mens Velour Hats at.....	\$3.50
\$5.00 Mens Dress Shoes at.....	\$3.50